Iowa USDA Foods Council Meeting Minutes

The Iowa Commodity Advisory Council met on Friday, February 2, 2013 at Des Moines Central Kitchen. Council members in attendance were: Amy A'Hearn, Jim Rupp, Linda Mitchell, Lisa Nolting, Mary Bellwood, Nancy Hogstad, Vickie McVey, and Virginia Betchold. Those not in attendance were Marie Miller, Denise Rawson, and Sharon Foote. Sarah White, Jill Stuecker, Dean Flaws, and Amanda Miller from the state agency attended the meeting as well.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Nancy Hogstad. Meeting minutes from the September 28, 2012 meeting were read by Nancy. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Nancy.

The committee reviewed scoring criteria for RFPs, then sampled, discussed and scored the following products: beef patties, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, French toast sticks, and breaded chicken patties. The council previously sampled unbreaded chicken patties in September. Scores were calculated and the winners were: JTM for the beef pattie, Advance Pierre for the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Cargill/Sunny Fresh for the French toast, Tyson for the breaded chicken pattie, and Goldkist/Pilgrim's pride for the unbreaded chicken pattie. The council will sample marinara cups and salsa at the spring meeting.

Sarah and Jill updated the council on the DoD and entitlement budget; they also informed the council that NOI allocations aren't due until March due to ordering from USDA being pushed back to a later date. The council discussed the NOI processing show and the possibility of holding the show for the 2014-15 school in January 2014 rather than November 2013 so that the show is closer to the due date for allocations.

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Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lisa Nolting, Secretary